

Remarks

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Final Office Action of July 12 2006. Claims 1-23 are currently pending. Applicant requests further review and reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

1. Consent of Assignee

The Consent of Assignee is objected to as missing a signature page. A complete copy of the Consent as filed March 25, 2002 (total of 2 pages) is submitted herewith.

2. Declaration

The original and supplemental Declarations have been objected to because the title does not match that of the application. Correction has been requested. However, it is submitted that both the original and supplemental declarations satisfy the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63 and MPEP 602 VI, at least by being filed concurrently with an attached specification, and further by including a serial number with series code and/or filing date sufficient to identify the application. The Office Action notes on page 2 that this requirement is met. In light of the delay that would be required to obtain a new declaration with a corrected title, Applicant respectfully requests that the original and supplemental Declarations be accepted in their current form.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Allowance of claims 1-23 at an early date is solicited. If any issues remain for resolution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone for discussion thereof before the issuance of a subsequent Office Action.

If any fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 01-0265.

Respectfully Submitted,
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